Measure 3.2.b: Supplemental - Increase percentage of core saltwater swimming beaches meeting water quality standards from 89% to 95% by 2016

SALTWATER SWIMMING BEACHES

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**Goal**

- **2016 goal:** 95% of monitored saltwater swimming beaches free of fecal bacteria

**Current State:** Not Meeting, Improvement Actions in Progress

- 75% met criteria in 2015.
- Most closures lasted a few days.

** Sources:**
- Stormwater (drought)
- Failing on-site systems
- Natural sources
- WWTP upsets or failing infrastructure
**Strategy:** Continue working with stakeholders to identify and remediate bacteria sources

- Maintain great partnership with co-lead Washington State Department of Health
- Work with communities and local jurisdictions to identify bacteria sources and implementation
- Improvement projects appear to be leading towards the overall goal being met

### Detailed Action Plan:

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<td>BEACH staff meet with local jurisdictions of core &quot;problem&quot; beaches and develop plans and actions to control bacterial pollution to beaches</td>
<td>Debby Sargeant, Ecology BEACH Program Manager</td>
<td>Washington State Department of Health, Washington State Parks, Island County, Kitsap County, Snohomish County, Skagit County, Whatcom County</td>
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Assistance Needed:

Stable funding for:

- Coordination
- Monitoring
- Corrective actions

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